

jobs to New Jersey and boost our Nation's economy by adding approximately \$6 billion to the gross national product during construction.

In a nutshell, this project can serve as our region's, northern New Jersey, New York and that area, as an energy insurance policy by enhancing the security of the electrical supply system for our region.

Mr. Speaker, the project has many environmental, energy and economic benefits to the State of New Jersey and the mid-Atlantic region. The project has strong support of local and State officials; and it will help us meet, most importantly, the goals of the Clean Air Act. I urge my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 459 so we can begin to realize these benefits.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak today in support of H.R. 459, to extend the deadline for the Mt. Hope hydropower project.

The Federal Power Act allows a licensee two years to begin construction of a hydroelectric project once a license is issued. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) may extend that deadline, but it may only do so once and only for two years. If project construction has not commenced by this deadline, the commission is required to terminate the license.

However, there are many obstacles that often make it difficult for a project to commence construction during either the initial license time frame or the extension period. Perhaps the most frequent reason for delay is the lack of a power purchase agreement, for without such an agreement, it is unlikely that a project could get financed. This is the case with the Mt. Hope hydropower project to be located in Rockaway Township, Morris County, in my home state of New Jersey.

Because of the limitations set in the Federal Power Act, the House has had a long, bipartisan tradition of moving non-controversial license extensions. I am pleased that Representative FRELINGHUYSEN and I could introduce this bill in a bi-partisan manner. The Commerce Committee unanimously passed this bill. In addition, the chairman of FERC wrote a letter to the House Commerce Energy and Power Subcommittee just a few months ago indicating his approval for extending the deadline for this project.

Mr. Speaker, I know of no objection to this bill, and I urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time; and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 459.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEWIS R. MORGAN FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules

and pass the bill (H.R. 1121) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1121

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) and the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. SHOWS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS).

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1121 designates the Federal Building and United States courthouse in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

Lewis Morgan was born and raised in Georgia and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Georgia.

Prior to his appointment to the Federal bench, Judge Morgan was in private practice and served in the Georgia General Assembly to represent Troup County. He also served as the administrative assistant to Congressman Sidney Camp, and during World War II served in the Signal Corps of the United States Army. Following the war, Judge Morgan was a city attorney for LaGrange and county attorney for Troup County.

Judge Morgan was appointed as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in 1961. He served as chief judge prior to being appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

In 1981, Judge Morgan was appointed to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He maintained an active case load until illness forced him to retire in 1996.

This is a fitting tribute to a dedicated public servant. I support this bill and encourage my colleagues to support it as well.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1121 is a bill to designate the Federal Building in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

Throughout his distinguished legal career, Judge Morgan has served the citizens of Georgia with humility, scholarship, compassion and dignity. Judge Morgan, a native Georgian, received his education in the public schools in Georgia and received his law degree from the University of Georgia. He served in the Georgia General Assembly and is a veteran of World War II.

In August of 1961, he was appointed as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. During his career, he served on the Court of Appeals for both the Fifth and the Eleventh Circuit.

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This designation in honor of Judge Morgan is widely supported by various groups, including the Mayor and City Council of Newnan, the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association, and the Mayor and City Council of LaGrange, Georgia.

It is most fitting and proper to honor the long, distinguished career of Judge Morgan with this designation. I support H.R. 1121 and I urge its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS).

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man whose record of community service to the State of Georgia is paralleled only by that of his contributions to the American judicial system.

Judge Lewis Render Morgan was a judge for the United States Board of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit until his retirement in 1996. During his illustrious career, he maintained his office and chambers in the Federal Building and Courthouse located in Newnan, Georgia. Largely because of his efforts, this facility was constructed in 1968 and stands as a symbol of his integrity and commitment to American law. Therefore, it is very appropriate that the building be named for him.

Mr. Speaker, I will repeat many of the fine compliments that have already been made by my colleagues in my remarks, but I think this man well deserves a repetition of those remarks.

Judge Morgan was born in LaGrange, Georgia, July 14, 1913. He received his primary education in the LaGrange public school system before heading off to the hills of Ann Arbor to begin a pre-law program at the University of Michigan. Those studies culminated with a law degree from the University of Georgia in 1935.

Following his graduation, Judge Morgan began a distinguished career of public contribution to the State of Georgia, which included service as a member of the Georgia General Assembly, representing Troup County, Georgia; administrative assistant to the Honorable A. Sidney Camp, Member of

Congress; member of the Signal Corps of the United States Army, World War II; city attorney for the City of LaGrange, Georgia; and county attorney for Troup County, Georgia.

The people of Coweta County were very fortunate when Judge Morgan was appointed as a United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Georgia on August 10, 1961. That appointment served as the beginning of a long and productive relationship between Judge Morgan and the Coweta County residents.

Four years later, he served as Chief Judge of the Northern District, a position which he held until 1968, when he was appointed as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. And on October 1, 1981, Judge Morgan was appointed to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

During that tenure, Judge Morgan served the Federal judiciary in many ways, including being a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States' Committee on the Budget from 1969 to 1979, serving as a judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals from 1979 to 1987, and as a member of the Special Division of the District of Columbia's Court of Appeals for Appointing an Independent Counsel from 1978 to 1988.

Judge Morgan is married to the former Sue Lorraine Phillips; and they have two children, Parks Healy and Sue Ann Morgan Everett. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, the American Judicature Society, the Georgia Bar Association, the Troup County Bar Association, and the Coweta Judicial Circuit Bar Association.

Throughout his distinguished and celebrated career, Judge Morgan has served the City of Newnan, the State of Georgia, and the United States with honor and commitment. In recognition of this service, and for the high esteem with which he is held by the members of his community, it is very fitting, Mr. Speaker, that the site of his office and chambers bears his name.

I am very honored to have worked with many individuals in this legislative process, including the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) who has supported this endeavor from the start; Howard "Bo" Callaway, former Congressman and Secretary of the Army; L. Keith Brady, Mayor of Newnan and counsel of Newnan, Georgia; Walter Jeff Lukken, Mayor of LaGrange, Georgia; the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association; the Coweta County Board of Commissioners; United States District Court Judges Jack T. Camp and W. Homer Drake, Jr.; United States District Court Chief Judge G. Ernest Tidwell; and many others.

Generations to come will now have a lasting reminder of what Judge Morgan has meant and continues to mean to the City of Newnan, Georgia.

My thanks to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS), subcommittee chairman, and the gen-

tleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER), chairman of the Committee on Transportation, for this legislation, and to the ranking member for his assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the following resolutions from the different cities and organizations praising the accomplishments of Judge Morgan:

NEWNAN-COWETA BAR ASSOCIATION

Upon motion and second at a regularly scheduled and noticed meeting of the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association, the members of the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution honoring United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Lewis Render Morgan, requesting that the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 18 Greenville Street, Newnan, Georgia be named in his honor by the United States Congress.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Judge Lewis R. Morgan is held in great esteem by all of the members of the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association and has long been a friend of this bar; and

Whereas, five current and active members of the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association are fortunate enough to have served as law clerks for the Judge; and

Whereas, many lawyers and former lawyers were friends and contemporaries of Judge Morgan throughout his legal career, including Walter D. Sanders, formerly City Attorney for the City of Newnan and county attorney for the county of Coweta; J. Littleton Glover, attorney for Newnan Utilities; Byron M. Matthews, former State Court Judge of Coweta County; Jack T. Camp, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia; William F. Lee, Jr., Chief Superior Court Judge for the Coweta County Circuit; and W. Homer Drake, Jr., United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan established his office and chambers in the City of Newnan since his original appointment to the Federal Bench in 1961 through his retirement 35 years later in 1996; and

Whereas, the Federal Court Building was constructed at its current location in 1968, largely due to the undertaking of Judge Morgan to locate the facility in the City of Newnan for the benefit of not only the citizens of Coweta County but also to benefit citizens throughout the entire Newnan Division, Northern District of Georgia; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan has had a prestigious and respected tenure on the judiciary as well as serving as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States' Committee on the Budget from 1969 to 1979, serving as Judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals from 1979 to 1987, and as a member of the Special Division of the District of Columbia's Court of Appeals for Appointing Independent Counsel from 1978 to 1988; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan had a successful and thriving private practice wherein he developed his reputation as a fair, upstanding, and admired attorney prior to his appointment to the bench; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the members of the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association it would be appropriate for the Federal Building in Newnan to be named in honor of Judge Lewis Render Morgan.

Therefore, *Be it Resolved* that it is our desire that the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Newnan be named as the "Lewis R. Morgan United States Courthouse and Federal Building"; and

That it *Be Further Resolved* that we as an Association request the aid and support of the Honorable Mac Collins, United States Representative in Congress, for the purpose of introducing and sponsoring the necessary legislation to effectuate this Resolution in naming the United States Courthouse and Federal Building for Judge Lewis R. Morgan.

It is so resolved this 10th day of March 1999.

THE CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA—OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The members of the City Council of the City of Newnan, in regular meeting assembled, unanimously adopted the following Resolution concerning the naming of the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 18 Greenville Street, Newnan, Georgia, in honor of retired United States Circuit Judge Lewis Render Morgan:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Judge Lewis R. Morgan served as a United States Judge since 1961 until his retirement from active service in 1996, having first served as a United States District Judge and later as a United States Circuit Judge; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan has served the Federal Judiciary well in many ways during his prestigious and respected career on the Bench, including being a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States' Committee on the Budget from 1969 to 1979, serving as a Judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals from 1979 to 1987, and also serving as a member of the Special Division of the District of Columbia's Court of Appeals for Appointing Independent Counsel from 1978 to 1988; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan enjoyed a most successful and thriving law practice all over the West Georgia area prior to his appointment to the Federal Bench, during which time he developed his reputation as a fair, upstanding, and admired attorney; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan has continually established his office and chambers in the City of Newnan since his appointment to the Federal Bench in 1961 through his retirement 35 years later in 1996; and

Whereas, the Federal Court facility in Newnan was constructed in 1968, principally because of the efforts of Judge Morgan; and

Whereas, this Federal facility was considered, in essence, his building, his idea, and his dream; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the members of the City Council of the City of Newnan, it would be a fitting climax to his career for this building, that presently has no name, to be named in honor of Judge Morgan.

Therefore, *Be it Resolved* that the members of the City Council of the City of Newnan officially acknowledge and recognize Judge Morgan's long and distinguished service as a member of the Federal Judiciary, recognize the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of this community, and publicly extend our grateful appreciation to Judge Morgan for what he has meant, and continues to mean, to the City of Newnan; and

Therefore, *Be it Further Resolved*, that it is our desire that the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Newnan be henceforth known as the "Lewis R. Morgan United States Courthouse and Federal Building"; and

Therefore, *Be it Further Resolved*, that we respectfully solicit the assistance and support of the Honorable Mac Collins, United States Congress, in introducing and sponsoring legislation in Congress to name this building for Judge Morgan.

Be it so Resolved and Ordered in regular session assembled, this the 9th day of March, 1999.

TROUP COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Upon motion and second at a called and noticed meeting of the Troup County Bar Association, the members of the Troup County Bar Association unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution honoring United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Lewis Render Morgan, requesting that the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 18 Greenville Street, Newnan, Georgia be named in his honor by the United States Congress.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Judge Lewis R. Morgan is held in great esteem by all members of the Troup County Bar Association and has long been a friend of this bar organization; and

Whereas, many lawyers and former lawyers of this bar were friends and contemporaries of Judge Morgan throughout his legal career; and

Whereas, many lawyers in this bar have had the honor to practice before Judge Morgan; and

Whereas, the Federal Court Building was constructed at its current location in 1968, largely due to the undertaking of Judge Morgan to locate a facility in the City of Newnan for the benefit of not only the citizens of Coweta County but also to benefit citizens in Troup County and throughout the entire Newnan Division, Northern District of Georgia; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan has had a prestigious and respected tenure on the judiciary as well as serving as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States' Committee on the Budget from 1969 to 1979, serving as Judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals from 1979 to 1987, and as a member of the Special Division of the District of Columbia's Court of Appeals for Appointing Independent Counsel from 1978 to 1988; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan had a successful and thriving private practice wherein he developed the reputation as a fair, upstanding, and admired attorney prior to his appointment to the bench; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the members of the Troup County Bar Association it would be appropriate and fitting that the Federal Building in Newnan be named in honor of Judge Lewis Render Morgan.

Therefore, *Be it Resolved* that it is our desire that the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Newnan be named as the "Lewis R. Morgan United States Courthouse and Federal Building"; and

That it *Be Further Resolved* that we as an Association request the aid and support of the Honorable Mac Collins, United States Representative to Congress, for the purpose of introducing and sponsoring the necessary legislation to effectuate this Resolution in naming the United States Courthouse and Federal Building for Judge Lewis R. Morgan.

It is so Resolved, this 24th day of March, 1999.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Lewis R. (Pete) Morgan, a native son of Troup County, who after completing his primary education in the LaGrange public schools and receiving his law degree from the University of Georgia, returned to LaGrange and practiced law from 1935 to 1961, several of such years being served as Troup County attorney as well as attorney for the City of LaGrange; and

Whereas, the service to this county continued when he was appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan served at the Newnan Division of said court hearing cases arising from this area including Troup Coun-

ty from 1961 to 1968, at which time he was appointed as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. On October 1, 1981, he was appointed as a judge to the United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals where he served until his retirement; and

Whereas, as a result of his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Morgan relocated his office from LaGrange to Newnan, Georgia, the site of the United States District Courthouse; and

Whereas, the construction of said building was carried out under the direction of Judge Morgan thereby making it easier for the citizens of Troup County to conduct any necessary business with the federal courts in a more convenient location in Newnan; and

Whereas, it appears to this Board that a lifetime of service to citizens of this county should be recognized.

Now, Therefore, it is Hereby Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be mailed to Congressman Bob Barr, representing this county in the United States Congress, with a request that Congressman Barr introduce legislation to name the building housing the United States District Court in Newnan in honor of Judge Lewis R. Morgan;

It is Hereby Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this body as a testament of a lifetime of service rendered our citizens by Judge Morgan.

Resolved this 6th day of April, 1999

TROUP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Judge Lewis R. Morgan served as a United States Judge since 1961 until his retirement from active service in 1996, having first served as a United States District Judge and later as a United States Circuit Judge; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan has served the Federal Judiciary well in many ways during his prestigious and respected career on the Bench, included being a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States' Committee on the Budget from 1969 to 1979, serving as a Judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals from 1979 to 1987, and also serving as a member of the Special Division of the District of Columbia's Court of Appeals for Appointing Independent Counsel from 1978 to 1988; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan enjoyed a most successful and thriving law practice all over the Coweta Judicial Circuit and the West Georgia area prior to his appointment to the Federal Bench, during which time he developed his reputation as a fair, upstanding, and admired attorney; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan has continually established his office and chambers in the City of Newnan since his appointment to the Federal Bench in 1961 through his retirement 35 years later in 1996; and

Whereas, the Federal Court facility in Newnan, Coweta County, was constructed in 1968, principally because of the efforts of Judge Morgan; and

Whereas, this Federal facility was considered, in essence, his building, his idea, and his dream; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the members of the Coweta County Commission, it would be a fitting climax to his career for this building, that presently has no name, to be named in honor of Judge Morgan.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the members of the Coweta County Board of Commissioners officially acknowledge and recognize Judge Morgan's long and distinguished service as a member of the Federal Judiciary, recognize the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of this community, and pub-

licly extend our grateful appreciation to Judge Morgan for what he has meant, and continues to mean, to Coweta County; and

Therefore, be it Further Resolved that it is our desire that the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia be henceforth known as the "Lewis R. Morgan United States Courthouse and Federal Building"; and

Therefore, be it Further Resolved that we respectfully solicit the assistance and support of the Honorable Mac Collins, United States Congress, in introducing and sponsoring legislation in Congress to name this building for Judge Morgan.

Be it so Resolved and Ordered in Regular Session lawfully assembled, this the 16th day of March, 1999.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR—LAGRANGE, GA
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Lewis Render Morgan served as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia from 1951 to 1968 and was Chief Judge of that Court from 1965 to 1968; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 1968 and took Senior Judge status in 1978 and was appointed to the newly created Eleventh Circuit in 1981; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan has served the State of Georgia as a member of the General Assembly from 1937 to 1939, Attorney for the City of LaGrange from 1943 to 1946, Attorney for Troup County from 1957 to 1961, a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Budget from 1969 to 1979, has served on the Special Division of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 1978 and in 1979 was appointed to serve on the temporary Emergency Court of Appeals; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan made his home and raised his family in LaGrange, Georgia and was married to Sue Lorene Phillips, has two children, Parks Healey Morgan and Sue Ann Morgan Rogers, and three grandchildren; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, the American Judicature Society, the Georgia Bar Association, the Troup County Bar Association, and the Coweta Judicial Circuit Bar Association; and

Whereas, Judge Morgan enjoyed a successful and thriving law practice throughout West Georgia prior to his appointment to the Federal Bench and developed a reputation as a fair, outstanding and admired attorney and, through his efforts, the Federal Court Facility in Newnan, Georgia was constructed in 1968.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia desires that the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Newnan, Georgia be henceforth known as the "Lewis R. Morgan United States Courthouse and Federal Building"; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the City of LaGrange respectfully solicits the assistance and support of the Honorable Mac Collins, United States Congress, in introducing and sponsoring legislation in Congress to so name this facility for Judge Lewis Render Morgan.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1121, a bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse locates in Newnan, GA, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Judge Lewis R. Morgan served as a United States Judge since 1961 until his retirement from active service in 1996, having first served as a United States District Judge and later as a United States Eleventh Circuit Court Judge. Judge Morgan sat on the bench for 35 years

developing a reputation as a fair, upstanding, and admired judge.

Lewis R. Morgan, a native son of Troup County, who after completing his primary education in the LaGrange, Georgia public school received his law degree from the University of Georgia, returned to LaGrange and practiced law from 1935 to 1961. During that time, he served the state of Georgia as a Member of the General Assembly from 1937 to 1939, Attorney for the City of LaGrange from 1943 to 1946, Attorney for Troup County from 1957 to 1961.

Judge Morgan was appointed as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. On October 1, 1981, he was appointed as a judge to the United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

In addition, as a member of the bench he served on the Judicial Conference of the United States' Committee on the Budget from 1969 to 1979, serving as Judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals from 1979 to 1987, and as a member of the Special Division of the District of Columbia's Court of Appeals for Appointing Independent Counsel from 1978 to 1988.

The idea of naming this building after Judge Morgan has been endorsed by the Coweta County and Troup County Board of Commissioners, the City Council of Newnan, the Newnan-Coweta Bar Association, the Troup County Bar Association, the Office of the Mayor of LaGrange and the City Council, Georgia.

Judge Morgan has established his office and chamber in the City of Newnan since his original appointment to the Federal Bench in 1961 through his retirement. The federal court facility in Newnan, Georgia was constructed in 1968, principally because of the efforts of Judge Morgan. This facility was considered, in essence, his building, his idea, and his dream. Today we take a step in making the dream after the dreamer, Judge Lewis R. Morgan.

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, we have no other requests for speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FRANKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1162.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WILLIAM H. NATCHER BRIDGE

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1162) to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1162

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Ken-

tucky, and Rockport, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "William H. Natcher Bridge".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the bridge referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "William H. Natcher Bridge".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) and the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. SHOWS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS).

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1162 designates the bridge on U.S. Route 231 over the Ohio River near Owensboro, Kentucky, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge" in honor of our late and former colleague William Natcher.

Identical legislation was passed unanimously by this House on June 18, 1996, and on September 22, 1994, but was never enacted.

Representative Natcher was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1909 and was educated at Western Kentucky College and the Ohio State University Law School. His life was dedicated to public service, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II and holding a series of local and State offices before being elected to Congress. He moved up the ranks of the Committee on Appropriations, eventually assuming chairmanship of the full Committee in 1993.

I am proud to have had the privilege of serving in the House with Congressman Natcher. Although well-known for having cast 18,401 consecutive votes during his 40 years here, Congressman Natcher's accomplishments are much more than his extraordinary voting record. He put an extremely high value on public service and set a very high standard for himself.

Bill Natcher was always an inspiration to me and I know to many other Members, as well. He was a gentleman, a statesman, and a man of unquestioned integrity who served this House and his constituents in Kentucky from 1954 until his death in 1994 with quiet, unflinching dedication.

The naming of this bridge for Bill Natcher is a fitting and lasting memorial to our friend and former colleague. I support this bill and urge my colleagues to support it, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to associate my remarks with many of those of my colleagues who have had the honor to have known and served with Mr. Natcher. The distinguished gentleman from Kentucky represented the people of Kentucky in Congress for over 40 years.

This bill, H.R. 1162, has the full support of the Kentucky delegation. It would designate a bridge on U.S. Route

231 over the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge." This legislation acknowledges the efforts of Mr. Natcher to construct this bridge.

Mr. Speaker, similar legislation passed the House in both the 103rd and 104th Congress but failed to be enacted. I urge a unanimous vote in approving this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to my colleague, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 1162, which designates a new bridge under construction in Owensboro, Kentucky, the "William H. Natcher Bridge." The House passed similar legislation in both the 103rd and 104th Congresses. Unfortunately, the other body never acted on these bills.

During consideration of those bills, however, many Members from both sides of the aisle shared their experiences about working with Mr. Natcher. They talked about the dedication and hard work of my predecessor.

I encourage my colleagues to take a moment to look at some of those comments. As most Members who served with Mr. Natcher can attest, he was a statesman and a true gentleman. While he will always be remembered on Capitol Hill for never missing a vote during his many years in service, he will be known in the Second District for his hard work on behalf of his constituents.

Mr. Natcher was dedicated to making this bridge a reality due to the benefits it would bring to the Second District. He guided this project through Congress and laid the groundwork to assure its completion.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has already designated this bridge in honor of Mr. Natcher. Now it is our responsibility in Washington to do the same. This bill gives us the chance to recognize his efforts at the Federal level and provide a visible reminder of this true friend to Kentucky.

I hope my colleagues will join me and the members of the Kentucky House delegation in supporting this legislation.

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to my colleague, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS).

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. I want to commend our colleague, the gentleman from the Second District of Kentucky (Mr. RON LEWIS) for offering this legislation. His predecessor in the Second District, Bill Natcher, most all of us served with here in this great body, and knew him